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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Kazuo WATANABE et al.

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For: NOVEL ROOT-KNOT NEMATODE-RESISTANCE GENE AND
APPLICATION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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November 22, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.